

ILLUSTRATION

ERICH SOKOL PRIZE 2027/2028

FREE TO ENTER

DEADLINE

31 DEC 2026

35 DAYS LEFT

POSTED	ENTRY FEE	ONLINE
26 Nov 2026	FREE TO ENTER	VISIT ORGANIZER

DETAILS / KEEP FOR REFERENCE

SOURCE: GRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

The Erich Sokol Prize 2027/2028 invites submissions of caricatures, satirical illustrations and drawings that offer a critical perspective on society. Established in 2018 and named after the Austrian political caricaturist Erich Sokol, the international award is presented by the Province of Lower Austria in partnership with the Karikaturmuseum Krems.

There is no prescribed theme, and both traditional and digital drawing techniques are welcome. The competition gives particular attention to the quality of drawing, the substance of the satire and the political or social observations behind the work. This edition also explores the changing nature of digital caricature, with a particular focus on works that critically examine artificial intelligence and its role in artistic practice.

Artists must submit a portfolio of four to ten works, preferably created within the past two years, together with a short artistic biography. Both documents must be uploaded as PDF files, each no larger than 9 MB. No physical originals should be sent. An independent international jury will assess the portfolios for originality, drawing skills, creative ideas, strength of content and inventive use of media. Entrants should also review the museum's terms concerning the exhibition, reproduction and promotional use of submitted works.

Entry fee: There is no entry fee.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to artists, practising creative professionals, and students and graduates of art or graphic design programmes worldwide aged 18 or over, submitting their own original work; discriminatory or dehumanising content may be excluded, and violations of third-party rights will result in disqualification.

PRIZE

The SOKOL Honorary Award for outstanding achievement or lifetime achievement (11,000 EUR) places particular emphasis on traditional drawing, while the SOKOL Main Prize for Digital Caricature (11,000 EUR) recognises work in digital media. The SOKOL Advancement Award (4,000 EUR) supports emerging caricaturists and satirical initiatives. Two international participants will also receive artist-in-residence scholarships worth 1,950 EUR each through the AIR Lower Austria programme, including five weeks of free accommodation in a studio apartment in Krems and personal support on site (Austrian artists are not eligible for these scholarships). The awards ceremony will take place in July 2027, and the winning works will be exhibited at the Karikaturmuseum Krems from July 2027 to July 2028.